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I'm a
Hoosier!

The ACPL 33rd Annual Poetry Contest

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2015 Poetry Contest
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I'm a Hoosier!

Thank you to the more than six hundred children and young adults
who submitted poems for this contest.

Thank you also to our judges:

Helen Presser

Canterbury Lower School

Cindy Steury

Huntington University

Bob Jones

Retired Teacher

Fran Hewett

Croninger Elementary

Erica Anderson-Senter

Poet

Susi Jones

Heritage Elementary

Mark Hewett

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Winners by Grade

| Grade | Place | Name of Poem | First Name | Last Name | School |
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| Kindergarten | 1st Place | untitled | Viola | Chapulis | Franke Park Elementary |
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| Kindergarten | 3rd Place | Fort Wayne Childrens Zoo | Ellie | Yaruchykh | Canterbury School |
| Kindergarten | Honorable Mention | Botanical Gardens | Natalia | Muller | Canterbury School |
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| Grade 1 | 1st Place | Science Central | Chloe | Summers | Canterbury School |
| Grade 1 | 2nd Place | Fort Wayne Tin Caps | Landon | Mauch | Canterbury School |
| Grade 1 | 2nd Place | Fort Wayne Children's Zoo | Makora | Stacey | Canterbury School |
| Grade 1 | 3rd Place | Science Central | Lucy Claire | Habecker | Canterbury School |
| Grade 1 | Honorable Mention | Safety Village | Mariana | Wisbrun-Rodriguez | Canterbury School |
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| Grade 2 | 1st Place | The Lighting | Hayden | Sievers | Emmanuel St. Michael |
| Grade 2 | 2nd Place | Lucky to be a Hoosier | Adrianna Jade | Ripple | Homeschool |
| Grade 2 | 3rd Place | untitled | William | Newton | Homeschool |
| Grade 2 | Honorable Mention | Johnny Appleseed Festival | Jocelyn | Garcia | St. Michael Lutheran School |
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| Grade 4 | 1st Place | We are very proud of these Hoosiers | Jacob | Summers | Canterbury School |
| Grade 4 | 2nd Place | Indiana Hoosiers | Violet | Park | St. Paul's Lutheran School |
| Grade 4 | 3rd Place | Indiana Hoosiers | Annika | Valluru | Canterbury School |
| Grade 4 | Honorable Mention | Indiana | Lucy | Gray | Canterbury School |
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| Grade 5 | 1st Place | I'm a Hoosier | Madeline | Phuong | Aboite Elementary School |
| Grade 5 | 2nd Place | untitled | Micah | Gilliom | Homeschool |
| Grade 5 | 3rd Place | I'm a Hoosier | Man San | Kiim | Northcrest Elementary School |
| Grade 5 | Honorable Mention | Land of Hoosiers | Brendan | Nix | Saint Jude Catholic School |
| ===== | | | | | |
| Grade 6 | 1st Place | Hoosier Seasons | Ella | Hildebrand | St. Paul's Lutheran School |
| Grade 6 | 2nd Place | I'm a Hoosier | Emma | Golden | Holy Cross Lutheran School |
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| Grade 7 | 1st Place | The Seasons of Indiana | Amareya | Jones | Towles New Tech |
| Grade 7 | 2nd Place | Indiana to Me | Abigail | Hodges | Holy Cross Lutheran School |
| Grade 7 | 3rd Place | I'm a Hoosier | Madeline | Dahlgren | Holy Cross Lutheran School |
| Grade 7 | Honorable Mention | To be a Hoosier | Cameron | Myles | Holy Cross Lutheran School |
| Grade 8 | 1st Place | Why Indiana | Tracy | Mai | Shawnee Middle School |
| Grade 8 | 2nd Place | Indiana Fall | Hayley | Oldfield | Central Lutheran |
| Grade 8 | 2nd Place | Becoming a Hoosier | Ashley | Modos | Shawnee Middle School |
| Grade 8 | 2nd Place | I'm a Hoosier | Anna | Geiger | Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School |
| Grade 8 | 3rd Place | Indiana | Mark J. | Ko | Shawnee Middle School |
| Grade 9 | 1st Place | I am a Hoosier | Thomas | Wegman | John Young Preparatory High School |
| Grade 9 | 2nd Place | Hoosier afternoon | Jessica | Strickler | North Side High School |
| Grade 9 | 3rd Place | I'm a Hoosier | Gisselle | Alfaro | North Side High School |
| Grade 9 | Honorable Mention | Hoosier afternoon | Jonathan | Andrus | North Side High School |
| Grade 10 | 1st Place | I'm a Hoosier | Spencer John | Fuhrman | North Side High School |
| Grade 10 | 2nd Place | I Am a Hoosier..ish | Reece | Jones | North Side High School |
| Grade 10 | 3rd Place | untitled | Rudy | Tarajano | North Side High School |
| Grade 10 | Honorable Mention | untitled | Kaitlyn | Poore | North Side High School |
| Grade 11 | 1st Place | untitled | David | Booher | North Side High School |
| Grade 12 | 1st Place | True Colors | Nicole | Winans | East Allen University |
| Grade 12 | 2nd Place | Indiana Hoosiers | Luna | Burden | North Side High School |
| Grade 12 | 3rd Place | untitled | Andrew | Danielson | Sunnybrook Private School |

Winners by School

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| Kindergarten | 3rd Place | Fort Wayne Childrens Zoo | Ellie | Yaruchy | Canterbury School |
| Grade 1 | 3rd Place | Science Central | Lucy Claire | Habecker | Canterbury School |
| Grade 1 | 2nd Place | Fort Wayne Tin Caps | Landon | Mauch | Canterbury School |
| Grade 1 | 2nd Place | Fort Wayne Children's Zoo | Makora | Stacey | Canterbury School |
| Grade 1 | 1st Place | Science Central | Chloe | Summers | Canterbury School |
| Grade 1 | Honorable Mention | Safety Village | Mariana | Wisbrun-Rodriguez | Canterbury School |
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| Grade 2 | 1st Place | The Lighting | Hayden | Sievers | Emmanuel St. Michael |
| Kindergarten | 1st Place | untitled | Viola | Chapulis | Franke Park Elementary |
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| Grade 12 | 3rd Place | untitled | Andrew | Danielson | Sunnybrook Private School |
| Grade 8 | Honorable Mention | I'm a Hoosier | Cameron | Hopper | Memorial Park Middle School |
| Grade 10 | 1st Place | I'm a Hoosier | Spencer John | Fuhrman | North Side High School |
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Kindergarten-1st Place
Viola Chapulis

Franke Park Elementary

Indiana people
are called
Hoosiers.

Indiana people
like to play

Sometimes.
Indiana people
see rainbows.

Kindergarten-2nd Place
Mazie Hoffman

Canterbury School

Johnny Appleseed

Food booths

Creative crafts

Bees and Flowers

Busy park

Lots of apples

Lots of people

Lots of fun!

It's awesome to be a Hoosier!

Kindergarten-3rd Place
Ellie Yaruchy

Canterbury School

Fort Wayne Childrens Zoo

Giraffes and Lions

Penguins too,

Kids having fun

At the zoo.

Happy to be a Hoosier!

**Kindergarten-Honorable Mention
Natalia Muller**

Canterbury School

Botanical Gardens

Spring time

Flowers.

Butterflies.

Children are

Having Fun

Looking at

Different colors

All around.

Happy to be a Hoosier!

**First Grade-1st Place
Chloe Summers**

Canterbury School

Science Central

Experiments

Explosions

Potions

Boom!

Dark sewer

Tippy room

Play place

Oooh!

Animal Center

Weather Station

Hot air balloons,

Too!

Time to learn...

Yay!!! Glad to be a Hoosier!

First Grade-2nd Place
Landon Mauch

Canterbury School

Fort Wayne TinCaps

Baseball

Pitch

Strike

Throw

Hit,

Run!

It's gonna be close...

Slide

Reach up

Catch,

Safe!

TinCaps win!!!

First Grade-2nd Place
Makora Stacey

Canterbury School

Fort Wayne Children's Zoo

Lions, horses

Rides and food.

Feeding ducks,

Wouldn't you

Like to be

At the zoo?

Fun to be a Hoosier!

First Grade-3rd Place
Lucy Claire Habecker

Canterbury School

Science Central

Illusion confusion.

Tippy, slippery

Sliding down

a ramp.

Jumping climbing

rolling dizzy

Indiana fun!

First Grade-Honorable Mention
Mariana Wisbrun-Rodriguez

Canterbury School

Safety Village

Safe

Fun

Learn to cross the road.

Playful cars

Follow the rules

Hoosier safety!

Second Grade-1st Place
Hayden Sievers

Emmanuel St. Michael

The Lighting

Lines looped around Coney Island
Invide Friends and family
Girls and boys everywhere
Hats, gloves and big coats
The elves come out
Icicle lights around downtown
Night before Thanksgiving
Grinch on the TV at the community center

Oh yummy cookies and hot chocolate
Fireworks BOOM at the TinCaps Stadium

Songs about Rudolph and Frosty
Aunt Millie's bread place filling the air
Number countdown 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1
The lighting of Santa appears
Amazing

Lucky to be a Hoosier

I'm lucky to be a Hoosier because

I get to go to DeBrands and feast on yummy caramel truffles. Mmm, Yummy!

I'm lucky to be a Hoosier because

I get to go to Science Central and scramble up the tilted floor in the sideways room. Yay, fun!

I'm lucky to be a Hoosier because

I get to go to Allen County Public Library and check out Puppy Place books to read at bedtime. Hmmm.

I'm lucky to be a Hoosier because

I get to go to Fort Wayne Children's Zoo and enjoy striped zebras and the sky safari overhead. Yahoo!

I'm lucky to be a Hoosier because

I get to go to the Health Food Shoppe and gobble delightful salad and delicious chocolate brownies.

Munch, munch, munch.

I'm lucky to be a Hoosier because

I get to go to Studio 149 and learn beautiful ballet and tough trick from excellent teachers. Whew!

I'm lucky to be a Hoosier because

I get to go to Bon Bon's and sip rich hot chocolate that warms my belly and my heart. Mmm, mmm, mmm.

That's my Hoosier life!

Second Grade-3rd Place
William Newton

Homeschool

I, William
nice, handsome, tall, strong
Child of Andrew and Jennifer
Lover of school, traveling, animals
who feels happy
who needs money for a ticket to Cedar Point
who fears wolves
Who would like to see a skyscraper
I am a resident of Fort Wayne, Indiana
I am a Hoosier.
Welcome to my poem.

Second Grade-Honorable Mention
Jocelyn Garcia

Emmanuel St. Michael

Johnny Appleseed Festival

Just thinking of the smell
Of food makes me hungry.
Homemade caramel popcorn
Noodles from there taste so yummy!
Now I know how they make the food
You can go next year
Apple with caramel is my favorite, mmm!
People love the Johnny Appleseed festival
Plan your next trip with your family
Laughs, fun are all you are going to expect,
Enjoy the outdoors with your friends,
Sing the Johnny Appleseed song
Encourage your friends to come with you
Everyone will enjoy the festival thanks to
Dear John Chapman there are apple trees
almost everywhere.

I love to be a Hoosier

I love to be a Hoosier

To see the peonies grow

And to watch the flag blow

I love to be a Hoosier

To see a cardinal in a tree

To watch it as it flies free

I love to be a Hoosier

To see the Amish horses

Trot through the street's courses

I love to be a Hoosier

What better place to be

Than around all the beautiful tulip trees

That God made for YOU and ME!

Third Grade-2nd Place
Leona Sandoz

Canterbury School

I am a Hoosier

Basketball, baseball, football
IU, TinCaps, Colts
Michael Jackson, Johnny Appleseed

Wow lots to see!
IU
Children's Zoo

What am I?
A Hoosier!
Indy 500
What am I?

A Hoosier!

Third Grade-3rd Place
John Birkmeier

Canterbury School

I am a Hoosier
Indy 500

Five hundred miles an hour
They all zoom down the long track
Just one wins the race

Third Grade-Honorable Mention
Xavier Duncan

Canterbury School

I am a Hoosier

We go through the field

Touchdown! Cheer! Cheer! Yeah!

Let's go!

Whoosh! It's a big score.

We are very proud of these Hoosiers

DeMarchis Beasley came in like a storm

Michael Jackson rocked the world

David Letterman made us laugh

Larry Bird slam-dunked us all

Michael Elliot was the mighty underdog

Axl Rose took Guns n' Roses to the mainstream

Adam Lambert became an idol

Vivica Fox changed acting forever

James Dean got a standing ovation

Brendan Fraser was Indianapolis born

John Green made The Fault in our Stars

INDIANA HOOSIERS

Indiana, Indiana

Do you know what's in your state?

You have zoos

and your schools are so great.

Indiana, Indiana

Do you know what's in your state?

The Indy500

and that's pretty great!

Indiana, Indiana

Do you know what's in your state?

Huge libraries

and that's really great

Indiana, Indiana

Do you know the best?

If you don't you'll

Have to read the rest

Indiana, Indiana

The best state in the U.S.A.

I'm proud to be a Hoosier

So HIP! HIP! HOORAY!

Indiana

Hoosiers

Indiana is a nice place
where Hoosiers live together.
Hoosiers work together and have fun,
In every community and neighborhood.
Their hearts are filled with love and joy,
Anger, sadness, and sorrow too.
They overcome their fears,
And have so much fun when they come through.
They congratulate others when they win,
and have good sportsmanship when they lose.
They have an amazing history,
And hopefully an awesome future too.
Education is very fun and good.
It helps children be good at their jobs.
Families love, care, and help
Children, the elderly and those in need.
I am so happy about these things because I am a Hoosier.

INDIANA

Really loud Indy 500

Impressive Indiana University

Bright red cardinals

Awesome Indianapolis Colts

Fast Indiana Pacers

Large corn fields

Amazing Larry Bird

Quick Notre Dame

The Little 500

Tough Mad Ants

Beautiful pink peonies

Caring Johnny Appleseed

Gorgeous navy blue flag

Hilarious Jim Davis

Cool Janet Jackson

Hard playing Purdue

Talented actress Shelly Long

That's all about Indiana

I'm a Hoosier

Regardless of what others think
Stay strong in what you believe in
That's what Abraham Lincoln taught us
His belief caused a war
Refusing to surrender
In the end
Good prevailed
He bettered people's lives
Abraham Lincoln: "I'm a Hoosier."

In the calm cool shade
She makes flourishing strokes
Of the breathtaking landscape
Geese squawk overhead
As they head south
Trees transform into skeletons
Leaves carpet the ground
In colorful shades
Of golds, reds and oranges
Squirrels scurry
Leaves crunch underfoot
As the artist sighs with satisfaction
Lana Hedger: "I'm a Hoosier."

Rough blistered hands
Scrubbing the floor
'Til it shined like a mirror
Dipping the dirty rag
Into the bucket of filthy water
She sighed as she wiped
The wooden floor one last time
Then she put on her shoes
And slipped out the door
As she went to the next house
Esther Graber: "I'm a Hoosier."

At its highest peak
The sun beats down
And blankets the day
With sweltering heat
The farmer trudges
Through a sea of rolling grass
Carrying ears of fresh-picked corn
Feed for the animals in the farm
Just as his forefathers did before him
Yet another
Long hard
Day
Nathaniel Remmings: "I'm a Hoosier."

Being a Hoosier means...
Sanding strong for what you believe in
Enduring the hard times in life
As much as enjoying the good times
Changing people's lives for the better
Learning from past mistakes
Using knowledge to help one's self and others
Hoosiers are proud of their state
Hoosiers are proud of their people
Madeline Phuong: "I'm a Hoosier".

Fifth Grade-2nd Place
Micah Gilliom

Homeschool

Smoke rose into the trees from the cabin in the distance
The snow brings an eerie silence to the earth
As the sun peaks up from the horizon
The world seems alive
And the snow begins to melt.
Spring is here
put the sleigh away!
I am a Hoosier, plowing the fields
Getting ready for a crop.
Let it rain, let it drop! Let my crop be plentiful!
Summer has come, the corn has grown.

Crop is done!
Please come, we'll share some.
Suddenly, the leaves rustle
Autumn has come!
A chilly wind starts flowing through the air.

I chop wood, and light the fire
One cold morning it snows.
Beautiful Indiana has experienced another year
I am a proud Hoosier.

I'm a Hoosier!

Hoosiers are from Indiana.
And of course not from Louisiana!
Indiana will never end.
Because we're all friends.

Indiana's capital is Indianapolis,
Not Minneapolis!
But why?
You better not be shy!

Indiana is known for farmland.
The high schools are known for their
marching bands.
Music to your ears
won't give you tears.

We all know Indiana is the 19th state.
In my opinion I think it's great.
Don't get me wrong.
I'm STRONG!

Land of Hoosiers

Look at the cars Oh, beautiful
they are, Auburns Cords and
Duesenbergs, boy are they nice.
Drive one down to Indiana Beach,
Golly, that sure sounds like a treat.

While on cars let's talk about the
first long distance automobile
race. Ray Harroun won at an
astounding pace.

Basketball is big here too, we've
got Notre Dame and I.U. they
both have teams and are good.

You might think I'm done but
I've just begun, unlike
the state of ours, 200 years we've been around and hundreds more to
be found. Who's here you ask,
The Hoosier state is.

Hoosier Seasons

Rains fall

Sun rises.

Indiana's beauty?

You're in for a surprise.

Scarlet leaves fill the sky,

Mingled hues, a treat for the eye.

Glittering ice,

Gleaming snow,

Who knows what nature will bestow?

Watch as fresh snow turns to slush,

Magical spring changes, dawn to dusk.

Flowers bloom,

New life begins,

Warmer weather moving in.

Summer heat,

Sun rises,

The seasons for a Hoosier?

You're in for a surprise.

Sixth Grade-2nd Place
Emma Golden

Holy Cross Lutheran

I'm a Hoosier

Juicy corn all summer long
On the Banks of the Wabash is our state song
Highways and railways for travel and goods
Nature is beautiful out in the woods
Never a dull moment if you like sports
Indy 500, Komets, and Colts

A cardinal is the bird of our state
Peony tree blossoms really smell great
Plenty to do at festivals and fairs
Long ago, Indians lived here
Every season is different than the last
See animals at the zoo, it's a blast!
Everyone in my family lives close by
Endless restaurants for you to try
Do you see why my love for Indiana is so strong?

I am a Hoosier

Indiana, Indiana is the best!
Indiana, Indiana better than the rest!
1816 a state it became
You know it's the bicentennial
That's not lame
Indiana, Indiana is my state!
Indiana, Indiana is so great!
Pacers, Mad Ants, Komets, TinCaps too
Go Colts! Go Colts! Let's Go Blue!
Indiana, Indiana is the best!
Indiana, Indiana better than the rest!
Home of the corn
Great colleges too
Notre Dame, Ball State, IU, and Purdue
Indiana, Indiana is my state!
Indiana, Indiana is so great!
Vera Bradley, first TV, 19th state, it's the anniversary
I'm proud to be a Hoosier, this is my home
Indiana, Indiana is my state!
Indiana, Indiana is so great!

Sixth Grade-Honorable Mention
Aiden Gleave

Holy Cross Lutheran

Hoosier Poem

In Indiana, sports abound
Colts, Komets, Pacers are around
Mad Ants, TinCaps are fun to see
Detroit Pistons used to be

Farmers busy plowing the ground
Soybeans, corn, apple cider our food is astound
Pumpkins, caramel apples, leaves in the fall
And that isn't even the best of all

Rivers and forests all around
Indy 500 victory has bound
Happy 200th birthday of the state
And to think we were started on this date

The Seasons of Indiana

Spring

I am a Hoosier
I stand with
distance
Between Earth and the Sky
Bright and cool
Kids playing
People riding bikes
Days bright and bold
Together we play

Summer

I am a Hoosier
Pour on lotion
Rub it in
Perfect for my skin.
Hot and dry
I breathe heavily
Through the perfect sight I see
My shades are on
and my flip-flops too
In the season of summer there
is so much to do!

Fall

How silently the
leaves fall down
And they reach
upon the ground
There the children
jump on the big pile of leaves
cracking beneath my
precious
beanie baby bat wings

Winter
I am a Hoosier
Snow falling out of the sky
Adults talking while drinking
eggnog or hot chocolate
Kids having snow fights
or they're making snow angels
Friends slide on the slippery ice
They fall and laugh...SILLY HARD!

Seventh Grade-2nd Place
Abigail Hodges

Holy Cross Lutheran

Indiana To Me

Soup and pie to celebrate frost,
Mud between my toes.
Finding a friend I thought I had lost,
Sidewalk chalk smeared on my nose.
Hayrides for birthdays,
a John Deere pulled sled.
Everyday was an Earth Day
full of books I had read.
Jumping and climbing
and running around.
Singing and singing
just to fill Earth with sound.
Spiders in sneakers,
my lake-loving dog.
We're still digging deeper:
raising tadpoles to frogs.
Sunshine yellow dandelions,
And fire-red piles of leaves.
I had an incredible childhood,
That's Indiana to me.

I'm a Hoosier

Indiana is my favorite state,
it is interesting and it is great
Long ago Lewis and Clark thought so,
their expedition here, was the first to go
Abraham Lincoln moved here at seven-years-old,
then became 16th president, I've been told
Indiana is where the first professional baseball game was played,
the news of this event will not fade
The 1st long-distance auto race in the USA,
was held in Indiana and racing is no child's play
Native Hoosier, James Dean, liked to race in a sports car,
but some think he took it too far
So, it is as clear as it is true
Indiana's my favorite state, through and through

Seventh Grade-Honorable Mention
Cameron Myles

Holy Cross Lutheran

To be a Hoosier

Farnsworth, Fabini, to name a few of
Our home's good sons
The Jacksons and Madam C.J. Walker too
They were Hoosiers just like you
Did you know Lincoln held the Hoosier pride
long before his speech would make those famous strides
The middle of the country is where we stand make no mistake
we love this land

Eighth Grade-1st Place
Tracy Mai

Shawnee Middle School

Why Indiana

"Why Indiana?" I asked my father
"Why do you live with the corns and the cold?"
"Because of family," was his reply
"But we have family in
Vietnam, Australia, and California!"
"Once we all lived in this house,
but they didn't like it here.
They said no to the cold,
hello to the golden sun."
"But I want to go!"
"Why leave the maple trees
for the dead and the dry?
Why leave the season
for no reason?
Trust me dear and stay here.
Being a Hoosier
is not a bad thing."

Indiana Fall

Morning stands with a sigh
Looking at the frost bitten ground below
Lonely leaves flutter down
Meeting their lost friends
There are no foxes trotting by
No rabbits trying to hide
The wind whips everything around
Making them cold
A lonely fire in a lonely home
Burns lowly in the early morning

The sun burns bright in the noon sky
The frost starts to melt
Leaves blow about
No birds but geese flying south
No mice running around
Only squirrels digging holes
No fire burning in the lonely home
There are only ashes

The sun yawns
The moon awakes
The leaves stand still
There is not even a breeze
Owls fly high
Wolves stalk low
In the distance there is the smell of burning
There is a glow and a gleam
It is from the lonely home
No longer lonely
The fire burning bright
Making everything warm
In the cold Indiana fall

Becoming a Hoosier

¿Mija como eres tu?

The State of Hoosiers.

Este mundo es unfamiliar.

The land of the
free grandma?

Ve maiz por lo que reo.

Flat lands full of
blessed families.

Mucho gusta Mexico

See these are
similar worlds.

Estoy triste de dejar
atras mi casa.

Soon you will
realize what it means
to become a Hoosier.

We are all one
Todos somos uno

Eighth Grade-2nd Place
Anna Geiger

Wyneken Memorial Lutheran

I'm a Hoosier

Growing up on a farm
Dribbling a basketball
My roots are deep in this Indiana soil
I'm a Hoosier
I drive John Deere Tractors all through the fields
And dribble a basketball all through the day
I am raised on this Indiana land
I'm a Hoosier!

I enjoy eating my mashed potatoes over my beef and noodles
I also say how's come instead of why
I have been raised on these odd ways
I'm a Hoosier!
The best part of the state fair
is all the fried food
That is able to be shared

When it comes to basketball I have been forced to pick a side
I choose the Purdue side
I'm a Hoosier!
The only thing worth doing on a Friday night
Is tailgating with my family till it's past midnight
I'm a Hoosier!

Others may call themselves Virginians or Californians
I am not an "Indianans"
I am a Hoosier!
I will be till the day I die!
I'm a Hoosier! Which you all know it.
All through the day, right past the night!
I'm a Hoosier! Fight! Fight! Fight!
This last thing, will sure be remembered
Since on this day we splendor.

HOO, HOO, HOO, HOOSIERS

I'm a Hoosier

Rows upon rows of wonderful
golden wheat like rippling waves
in early fall. Deep rich colors growing
on trees, and being swept by
the slightly frosty air. Piles
of crunchy leaves. Frigid dark
winters, a subtle beauty
as it bathes in the light
of stars and moon from a
clear night sky. The world
around you revives.

Crops are planted, Hoosier entrepreneurship
is booming around you, you see
lush forests beginning of new life,
reawakening of an economy. The
sun is shining brighter than ever,
it lays its wonderful golden rays
over the dancing daisies, over the
dunes, on the rows of wheat,
into the deep pine tree forest
and into your back-
yard

**Eighth Grade-Honorable Mention
Cameron Hopper**

Memorial Park

I'm a Hoosier

Living a life of simplicity.
Long road-trips past rolling hills,
Topped with seemingly endless rows of corn.
Going to festivals celebrating Dogwood trees,
And watching the cardinals fly by.
Living in small southern towns,
The Summit City with three flowing rivers,
Or the Jackson Five's home town.
It doesn't matter where we're at,
We're still Hoosiers at heart.

**Ninth Grade-1st Place
Thomas N. Wegmann**

John Young Preparatory HS

I am a Hoosier.

I am a Hoosier.

Who Sir, are you, Sir?

Now, let me tell you

Indiana ain't

for the faint

of heart

In the winter,

the bleak blizzards will tear you apart.

In the spring,

the tractors will

sputter and roar

As the farmers try

to plant once more.

The leaves will be turning green

and the weather won't seem so mean.

In the summer, the temperatures will be on the rise.

And ominous storm clouds will fill the skies.

In the fall, the trees will lose their leaves.

You will have to wear long sleeves

For winter

is coming.

You'll be humming that sweet fall song

as the Hoosier combines are humming along.

I am that Hoosier.

And you, Sir,

are who, Sir?

Hoosier Afternoon

One day in the afternoon,
The sun was low, and beautiful.
While the animals are out,
They make wonderful music.
And how the sun makes the water sparkle,
Like diamonds in the sun.
The wind makes the grass sway and the trees dance,
It felt like magic was in the air.
Seeing a playground where kids play,
And their laughter fills the air.
Hearing cars roar their engines,
Sound like a lion roar in the wild.

Ninth Grade-3rd Place
Gisselle Alfaro

North Side High School

I'M A HOOSIER

I'm a Hoosier
That was born and raised in Indiana
But doesn't put ranch
On her pizza.

I'm a Hoosier
That loves her friends and family,
Who likes to have fun
And really loves cookies

I'm a Hoosier
That wants to do well,
Who loves the arts
And respects others and myself

Ninth Grade-Honorable Mention
Jonathan Andrus

North Side High School

Hoosier

I'm a Hoosier
I'm always tired
Cuz I'm a snoozer,
Driving around
Cuz I'm a cruiser,
I have friends
Cuz I'm not a loser.
I'm a Hoosier.

**Tenth Grade-1st Place
Spencer John Fuhrman**

North Side High School

I'm a Hoosier

O' the northern wind
as strong as the love
of God hits your face
and flows past your hair
(or non-existent hair). The
neighbors friendly as ever,
everyone welcomes you with
a nice hug handshake. Our
hospitality shines brighter than
the sun ever could. But never you
fear, even if you do leave you'll always
be a Hoosier whether you're in another
state or even another country, you'll
always be a Hoosier in your heart. Not
I'm a Hoosier... We are Hoosiers.

I AM A HOOSIER...ISH

Indiana is pretty flat
but it makes it the perfect place
for certain things.
It is safe and quiet
really quiet
compared to some other places, it would be paradise.
The best part is the cars
Auburns, Fords, so much more
races, derbies so much galore.
Since it is flat it makes it the perfect place
for driving, racing, and crashing.
The last part is the irony in its location
because it is smack dab in the middle of a target
with Michigan to the north
and Illinois to the west.
to the south Kentucky
and to the east Ohio.
Indiana is a great place
and it is great to be a Hoosier
but I have a secret
I am from Florida
but even though I am from there
it is great to live here.

Come to Indiana and now you are a Hoosier.

You looked around and you thought you saw losers. When really that's not how it is.

There's all types of things here even the MLK bridge.

If I had to name off all the good things here it'd be a really long list.

But don't get me wrong there are some negatives.

But this is our state you got to get used to how we live. You could walk into any school here and you'll see that we give knowledge to our kids.

Indiana Fort Wayne man these streets are a pain especially when outsiders say we not savages we lames.

The weather changes so much it's just insane.

This is a place that will never be plain.

But we live here still.

We got crazy people that will jog in shorts when it's cold outside instead of at home on a treadmill.

Indiana is like a roller coaster and we stay on the ride just for the thrill.

Ups and downs if you want to see what's next then you've got to stay tuned to what is happening now.

Well this is the end of the poem so I guess I can take a bow.

Tenth Grade-Honorable Mention
Kaitlyn Poore

North Side High School

I am a Hoosier, that's right, that's right!
Indiana bound, that's right, that's right!
Mrs. Chapulis is making me write this poem, mhm, mhm,
I'd rather be reading my book, mhm, mhm,
But that's fine because I'm a Hoosier, mhm, mhm,
Indiana is the place to be, mhm, mhm!

Eleventh Grade-1st Place
David Booher

North Side High School

Being Hoosier is what it's about
Being a Hoosier is what you think about
Being a Hoosier is where I live
Being a Hoosier at the crib
Being a Hoosier is what I am
Being Hoosier is the best thing, man!

True Colors

America is the giant melting pot;
If you want diversity, this is the spot.

People aren't always what they appear.
You can't always believe what you hear.

First impressions are often wrong.
People can change, and it doesn't take long.

"Race doesn't matter," is what my mamma says.
It makes no difference whether black, white, or red.
The color of your skin does not define who you are.
Wherever you go, you determine how far.

Skin color is completely irrelevant.
Attitude is more important.

Each one of us is unique.
Standing out doesn't mean you're a freak

Outward appearance isn't what counts.
Personality is what it's all about.

You can't make judgments based on past history.
Each person creates their own story.

Your culture should not restrict you.
Your opportunities are plentiful, not few.

Being different makes you great.
Your origins determine your fate.

So be accepting to everyone;
And take a little time to get to know someone.

Twelfth Grade-2nd Place
Luna Burden

North Side High School

Indiana Hoosiers

Indiana people are called Hoosiers.

Indiana people have a lot to say.

We have a lot to be thankful for

like Three Rivers and Pizza King.

I'm proud to say I'm an Indiana Hoosier that has a lot to say.

I'm about to go to Allen County Public Library, hooray hooray!

I'm proud to be an Indiana Hoosier that is big when it comes to hoorays!

Twelfth Grade-3rd Place
Andrew Danielson

Sunnybrook Private

To be a Hoosier, the nickname brings a sense of pride.

The crossroads of America, the crucible of cultures,

Our state has industry, commerce and countryside.

Indiana has history to teach, a future to nurture.

We started early—the 1600's—the French left a track,

(Though LaSalle and his men only passed through);

Early settlements: Vincennes and Fort Wayne (still intact),

Statehood in 1816, Indiana's flag on a field of blue.

Indiana's famous people, we remember them well:

Presidents Lincoln and Harrison; Astronauts Grissom and Borman;

John Chapman (Johnny Appleseed), and violinist Joshua Bell;

Writers Porter and Riley and that cheerful Red Skelton.

Indiana with its seasons: summer so fresh and green;

Autumn's colorful leaves, and the crops' golden glow;

Winter's ice and snow, its shivering trees so thin and lean;

And hopeful spring, time to plant, the rivers icy and full.

Indiana is blessed with nature and peoples,

With shipping and farming, inventions and land,

The "City of Churches" with all of its steeples,

We've been blessed by God and His Sovereign Hand.

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